

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STOCKH 01523 081216Z

43

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 EA-11 ISO-00 PM-07 NSC-07 SP-03 SS-20 RSC-01

SAJ-01 PRS-01 CIAE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 DRC-01 /088 W

----- 000403

R 081040Z APR 74

FM AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1749

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY OSLO

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK

AMEMBASSY ROME

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 1523

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SW

SUBJECT: GVN INFO OFFICE IN STOCKHOLM

REF: STOCKHOLM 1395

SUMMARY: GVN STOCKHOLM INFO REP NHA HAS INFORMED EMBASSY
GVN INTENDS OPEN FULL INFO OFFICE HERE WITH ACCREDITED
DIPLOMAT AT HEAD TO SERVICE ALL OF SCANDINAVIA.
EMBOFF ADVISED NHA TO PROCEED SLOWLY AND CAUTIOUSLY
BECAUSE PALME GOVERNMENT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY OPPOSE SUCH
A PROJECT. END SUMMARY.

1. HEAD OF STOCKHOLM SOUTH VIETNAM INFORMATION OFFICE
TRAN NHA TOLD EMBOFF APRIL 5 THAT GVN INTENDS OPEN A
"SCANDINAVIAN INFORMATION OFFICE" IN STOCKHOLM IN NEAR
FUTURE. OFFICE WOULD BE HEADED BY A CHIEF WITH DIPLOMATIC
TITLE OF MINISTER AND WOULD COVER ALL OF NORDIC COUNTRIES,
APPARENTLY INCLUDING ICELAND.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STOCKH 01523 081216Z

2. TRAN NHA ASKED ADVICE ON HOW TO APPROACH GOS TO GET APPROVAL OF THIS PROJECT. (NOTE: TRAN NHA HAS NO DIPLOMATIC STATUS IN STOCKHOLM AND HIS "INFORMATION OFFICE" IS A FIFTH FLOOR APARTMENT IN AN OUTLYING AREA OF CITY. GOS HAS NEVER BROKEN RELATIONS WITH GVN BUT HAS NOT ALLOWED AN AMBASSADOR TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS. HOWEVER ALL OF GVN BONN EMBASSY OFFICERS ARE LISTED IN GOS DIPLOMATIC LIST AS ALSO ACCREDITED TO STOCKHOLM, THOUGH NONE OF THEM HAS EVER VISITED STOCKHOLM OFFICIALLY OR UNOFFICIALLY.)

3. EMBOFF ADVISED NHA TO PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY AND SLOWLY, NOTING THAT ALTHOUGH MASS INTEREST IN VIETNAM HAS GREATLY DIMINISHED IN SWEDEN THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT GVN HAS GAINED IN POPULARITY. WITH PALME FACING A POSSIBLE ELECTION IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, HE WILL CERTAINLY NOT DO ANYTHING TO ANNOY HIS ALREADY DISAFFECTED LEFT-WING. IF GVN EFFORTS BECOME PUBLICIZED, IT WOULD CAUSE NEGATIVE GOVERNMENT REACTION AND MIGHT EVEN JEOPARDIZE MR. NHA'S POSITION HERE. HOWEVER IF GVN IS DETERMINED TO PUSH AHEAD ON THIS PROJECT, EMBOFF SUGGESTED THAT ONE OF GVN DIPLOMATS FROM BONN COME AND DISCUSS PROJECT WITH CHIEF OF PROTOCOL HERE. IT IS, OF COURSE, NOT CERTAIN THAT GVN DIPLOMATE WOULD BE GIVEN VISA OR THAT ANY MFA OFFICIAL WOULD TALK TO HIM. COMMENT: TRAN NHA AND APPARENTLY GVN ARE MISINTERPRETING FAILURE OF LAST WEEK'S STOCKHOLM VIETNAM CONFERENCE (REFTEL). FACT THAT CONFERENCE GOT ALMOST NO PUBLIC OR GOS SUPPORT DID NOT STEM FROM ANY ACTIVITIES, HOWEVER ASSIDUOUS, OF MR. TRAN NHA, BUT RATHER FROM LACK OF INTEREST GENERALLY IN VIETNAM. GOS HAS NOT CHANGED ITS OPINION OF GVN. IT WOULD BE BAD TIMING NOW TO ATTEMPT MOVE IN AGGRESSIVELY AND ATTEMPT PUSH GOS INTO POSITION OF ACCEPTING FULL DIPLOMATIC ACCREDITATION OF GVN, WHICH IS REALLY WHAT THIS INFORMATION PROJECT MEANS. GVN SIMPLY HAS NOT GOT LEVERAGE TO INDUCE PALME TO ACCEPT WHAT WOULD BE A RATHER UNPOPULAR MOVE IN SWEDEN. SINCE TIME AND EFFORTS ARE EFFECTIVELY COUNTERING HANOI PROPAGANDA EFFORTS HERE, GVN IS WELL ADVISED NOT TO STIR UP

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STOCKH 01523 081216Z

TROUBLE.
HIRABAYASHI

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ESTABLISHMENT, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, INFORMATION CENTERS, DIPLOMATIC PROTESTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 08 APR 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: boyleja
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974STOCKH01523
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740079-0656
From: STOCKHOLM
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740457/aaaacael.tel
Line Count: 109
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: STOCKHOLM 1395
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: boyleja
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 18 APR 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <18 APR 2002 by boyleja>; APPROVED <24-Sep-2002 by boyleja>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: GVN INFO OFFICE IN STOCKHOLM
TAGS: PFOR, SW, VN
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005